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42nd CD SPECIAL ELECTION SET FOR SEPT. 21ST TO FILL VACANCY LEFT BY DEATH OF GEORGE BROWN.

Editor's note: Demo U.S. Rep. George Brown Jr. died July 15th (see page 4). Calif. Gov. Gray Davis(D) has called a special primary Sept. 21st and a runoff on Nov. 16th. Here's our update & analysis...

...Brown was the dean of the CA Congressional delegation and had held this seat since 1962. The bones of defeated GOP opponents are scattered all over the Inland Empire's 42nd CD. Every cycle, for as long as Calpeek can remember, Brown was always targeted by the NRCC - and in each election he'd emerge a winner. In '88 it was John Paul Stark; in '90 it was San Berdu Co. Sup. Bob Hammock; in '92 it was pilot Dick Rutan; in '94 it was Rob Guzman; in '96 it was San Berdu Judge Linda Wilde; and last year's victim was attorney Elia Pirozzi, who got only 40.2% vs. 55.3% for Brown. Wilde came closest in '96 with 49.42%...

...With George Brown's death, does the GOP have a shot at capturing the 42nd CD? It will be very tough. Gov. Davis carried the 42nd by 30,000 and U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer(D) won by 21,000. The registration is 51.9% Demo vs. 33.8% GOP. There are lots of blue collar Demos, independents and a growing Latino population in the 42nd CD. If you look at likely voters, Demos have an 1,800 vote edge among voters who cast ballots in all 7 of the past elections. August 9th is the filing deadline for the special...

...On the Demo side, Brown's widow, Marta Macias Brown, is said to be looking seriously and so is State Sen. Joe Baca(D-San Bernardino). For a while back in '97, Baca even formed an exploratory committee to challenge Brown, but eventually backed down. The Baca challenge didn't sit well with Brown's supporters. But Baca represents 61% of the 42nd CD and spent \$2

million to win the 34th SD - so he's got good name ID. He's a moderate, a good fit for the district and Baca is also one of the NRA's favorite Demos...

...The GOP side is what's most interesting. Sources say the NRCC did a poll and it showed all the GOPers having a tough time with the exception of State Sen. Jim Brulte(R-Rancho Cucamonga). But Brulte is not going to run. Neither is San Berdu Co. Sup. Fred Aguiar nor Upland Assemblyman Bill Leonard...

...The GOP field looks like this: Judge Linda Wilde, who came closest 4 years ago; Pirozzi, who has already collected \$200,000 in contributions and has lined up support from a number of mayors and State legislators; Upland businessman John Corry; and Rancho Cucamonga businessman Mike Morrell, who is the past president of the West End Republican Club. Also in the race is Libertarian John Ballard of San Bernardino. More next week. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '99: UPDATE ON S.F. MAYOR'S CONTEST.

Editor's note: The news media in San Francisco really wanted a noisy free-for-all race for mayor in November and it looks as though they got their wish. Here's our update & analysis...

...Incumbent S.F. Mayor Willie Brown is still a favorite to make a runoff with someone - the question is who? As of Calpeek's deadline, there were 4 other serious contenders who will challenge Brown in November. Aug. 6th is the deadline to turn in papers to run for mayor. Already in are former Demo political consultant - turned real estate investor Clint Reilly; former S.F. Mayor Frank Jordan; and Sup. Leland Yee. The newest heavy hitter to join the parade is Board of Supes President Tom Ammiano. In addition to the serious candidates, as of mid-June, some 21 others had

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taken out papers to run for mayor...

... Why are so many candidates taking on Brown?
"Willie's numbers aren't that great; that's why there's a crowded field," one source told **Calpeek**. And if there is any one thing that continues to plague Brown, it's S.F.'s troubled transportation system – Muni. Brown promised to fix it 4 years ago and it's still a problem...

... So what's going to happen? This primary could get very ugly and as we said very noisy. And the contest will be very expensive, despite S.F.'s tight campaign spending and contribution laws. Why? Because by spending his own money, Clint Reilly exceeded the overall \$600,000 spending limit, meaning Willie and the others can spend whatever they want, but there are still caps on contributions: \$500 per person for Brown and the others, but Reilly can only get \$150 per person because he busted the spending cap. Sources say Brown is already at the \$1 million mark and will aim for \$2 million. As for Jordan, sources think it's possible the former mayor could hit \$500,000. For Ammiano & Yee, the going could be a little tougher. Reilly will be at the \$1 million level and he's already spent a small fortune on tv & cable advertising...

... Back to Jordan. He's hired Ed Slevin as his campaign mgr. Slevin used to work in DC for U.S. Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Riverside). Also on the Jordan team are attorney & political insider Neil Eisenberg, who is well known and has a good network; and Dick Goldman, who is a heavy financial hitter with a solid name. The betting at this point is that Jordan can take both Reilly and Yee. The question is: can Jordan beat Ammiano so that he can have another shot at Brown???

... FYI: of all the candidates, Ammiano is clearly the most liberal. He actually makes Brown look like a moderate. And he hurts Brown the most, especially with the liberal base and with gays. With this crowded field, our sources think Brown's base vote is around 27-33%. Jordan, Reilly and Yee are just to the right of Brown near the center. Stay tuned...

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CAMPAIGN 2000: SAN DIEGO MAYOR'S RACE IS ALL ABOUT MONEY – WHO'S GOT IT AND WHO DOESN'T.

Editor's note: Although the official contribution figures won't be released until next week, the spinners for the various candidates running for mayor of San Diego in 2000 are already hard at work – trying to position their candidates in the best possible light. Here's our report & analysis...

... Last time **Calpeek** updated this story was when State Sen. Steve Peace (D-Chula Vista) took himself out of the running several months ago. And now San Diego Councilman Juan Vargas has done the same. So now there are only five credible contenders...

... The five contenders with resources and viable campaigns are San Diego Co. Sup. Ron Roberts; businessman Peter Q. Davis; San Diego Councilwoman Barbara Warden; San Diego Councilman Byron Wear; and San Diego Judge Dick Murphy. San Diego Councilman George Stevens is running, but he's short on funds, so his viability is somewhat clouded. FYI: in the rumor department, we've picked up gossip that Gov. Gray Davis' COS, Lynn Schenk, may start to explore. Nothing solid, but if she were to run it would make 2000 a very hot year for San Diego politics...

... With Peace out of the running, Roberts should have the top tier to himself, but Davis could turn out to be San Diego's Al Checchi. Davis recently sold his share of the Bank of Commerce and has hired consultant Dick Dresner of Dresner, Wickers & Assoc. With his deep pockets Davis is automatically a player in this race. And Davis has paid his dues when it comes to public service and isn't just some bored ex-banker looking for a job...

... Back to Roberts. He's been running for this job ever since he lost to Susan Golding some seven years ago. The relationship between these two is still strained, but at this point Golding remains neutral. With the city's tough \$250 limit on contributions (w/no PAC or business contributions), Roberts will report more than \$300,000 in contributions and transfers from his other account. Consultant Tom Shepard's spin is that Roberts is on target to reach \$700,000 for the primary in March...

... On Roberts' heels is Warden, who claims \$270,000 raised (includes transfers). She's the only woman in

the race and comes from a high voting council district north of Interstate 8. She's pro-choice and close to Golding. Her consultant is Bill Wachob of the Campaign Group. The big surprise is Judge Murphy, a former councilman who has been out of the limelight for years. He raised \$101,000 from 500 contributors in 86 days, according to his consultant John Kern. For a guy who has been out of the action, that's pretty good. The big question for Murphy is his base of support: is it narrow or broad???

...Finally, there's Wear. Sources say he's a serious candidate and will report about \$100,000 raised. Shuman, Hoy & Assoc. (the firm Wear used to be partnered in) will handle the campaign. Wear's candidacy is interesting because he and Roberts really don't like each other. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S LEGAL FILE: ASSEMBLYMAN SCOTT BAUGH'S LEGAL NIGHTMARE IS FINALLY OVER.
Editor's note: GOP Assembly Leader Scott Baugh of Huntington Beach has agreed to pay a \$47,900 fine imposed by the FPPC for his political misconduct during the successful 1995 recall election against former GOP Speaker Doris Allen – the recall which put Baugh in hot water and made Curt Pringle the GOP Assembly Speaker. Here's our commentary & analysis...

...At the time the recall was launched, the GOP *Junta* in Orange Co. was scared to death that the Demos would somehow find a way to ambush them and elect Linda Moulton Patterson to the 67th AD seat. The ambush story, according to our sources, was started at a Sacramento bar by Assembly Demos, who were trying to scare the GOP. It worked, because GOP operatives decided to recruit a *decoy Democrat* to drain votes from Patterson. The decoy was Laurie Campbell, who was friendly with Baugh. The feeling was that a decoy would ensure a Republican win. Baugh wasn't the only GOPer in the race, but he was the *Junta's* candidate...

...Rhonda Carmony and 3 minor GOP operatives pled guilty to misdemeanor violations in connection with the Campbell part of this story. They collected the names on nominating petitions and then Campbell signed the papers. The fact that Campbell and her husband knew Baugh would never have surfaced had it not been for then L.A. Times political reporter Peter M. Warren. After Campbell filed her papers, Warren phoned her to

do a routine story. Carmony (now U.S. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher's wife) should have put Campbell through a *Politics 101* course – lesson #1 being: don't duck a reporter's call. When she ducked, Warren started digging and the GOP decoy plot was soon exposed...

...Baugh's problem was that he took a \$1,000 contribution from Rick Campbell (Laurie's husband). After Laurie filed her papers, Rick wanted his contribution returned. Baugh didn't report the return until election day! Sources say a prompt disclosure would have mashed Baugh's election prospects because a link would have been established between the Campbell decoy plot and Baugh's campaign...

...FYI: Pringle, who was elected Assembly Speaker with Baugh's vote, was dragged through the political and legal mud, but was never indicted. Former Orange Co. DA Mike Capizzi needed more evidence and Pringle's ex COS Jeff Flint (a key player in the recall effort) wasn't about to dump on his boss. Carmony, in her testimony, blamed Flint. As for Capizzi, had he just sent Baugh's case to the FPPC instead of seeking felony & misdemeanor charges against Baugh --- who knows? Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2000: CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Editor's note: Here's another update about key Legislative races in 2000...

☒ **61st AD** – Republicans will undoubtedly target freshman Demo Assemblywoman Nell Soto of Pomona in 2000, but right now it looks like the GOP March primary may turn out to be a real *bloodbath*. Hardline conservatives are again backing Ontario businessman Bob DeMallie who was upset by Soto in '98, after Six Demos and labor targeted the race and tagged DeMallie as a *conservative extremist*. The *insider* wing of the GOP is pushing Pomona Mayor Eddie Cortez, who did **not** endorse DeMallie in '98, according to Bob Pamplin, director of the Inland Valley Citizens for Community Values. "You heard correctly: Eddie Cortez refused to endorse our Republican candidate in '98, but wants to be our candidate in 2000," Pamplin said in an e-mail message that went to **Calpeek**. Interesting...

☒ **42nd AD** – West Hollywood Councilman Paul Koretz(D) has hired consultant Rick Taylor for his 42nd AD campaign... Attorney Amanda Susskind(D) reports

raising around \$112,000 for this period... All the candidates who are running for this open seat now held by Wally Knox are waiting on State Sen. Tom Hayden (D-West L.A.) to decide which AD he'll run in – the 42nd or the 41st. Still NO definite word...

☒ A few corrections from the last issue. In the 38th AD race, that's GOPer Dr. Keith Richman (not Richmond); and in the 27th SD, it should have been Rancho Palos Verdes Councilwoman Marilyn Lyon – not Marilyn Ryan...

☒ 21st SD – Demo Assemblyman Scott Wildman of Burbank formally announced his candidacy July 21st for the seat of State Sen. Adam Schiff (D), who is running for the U.S. House next year...

CALPEEK'S CALENDAR OF POLITICAL EVENTS

Aug. 6	Filing deadline for the S.F. Mayor's race.
Aug. 16	CA Legislature reconvenes.
Sept. 10	CA Legislature recesses
Sept. 24-26	Calif. Republican Party's biannual convention at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel.
Oct. 3-6	Nat'l Congress of American Indians 56 th Annual Session, Palm Springs
Oct. 10	Last day for Governor to sign/veto bills.
Nov. 1	Declaration of Intent for State Legislature.
Nov. 15	Declaration of Candidacy/Nomination papers.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few items, political and otherwise, worth noting...

■ **Sanchez Endorses Solis** – In what has to have the DCCC and Demo House Leader Dick Gephardt very upset, U.S. Rep. Loretta Sanchez of Orange Co. (who also is a DNC Vice Chair) has endorsed State Sen. Hilda Solis (D) in her primary challenge to U.S. Rep. Marty Martinez (D). More next week...

■ **ATM Fee Ban** – Backers of a local initiative to ban extra ATM fees in S.F. have qualified for the November 1999 ballot. Backers of this initiative turned in 17,000 names on July 5th and need 10,500 to qualify. It is the first such initiative of its kind in the U.S. The key sponsors are Board of Supes Chair Tom Ammiano, organized labor, AARP, CALPIRG, the Harvey Milk Demo Club and Consumer Union. There will be a NO campaign, with Robert Barnes & Assoc. and Goddard Claussen handling the opposition work...

■ **Hi Tech Wars** – Chalk up a win for AT&T in its battle with AOL and its allies. The S.F. Board of Supes voted to approve the cable tv franchise transfer from TCI to AT&T without "forced access" conditions. But AT&T will have to put \$50 million into improving the cable...

■ **Miller Pays Debts** – According to Silicon Valley-based American Data Management (Doug Winslow), Tony Miller has paid his long time debt to the company for campaign services dating back to Miller's 1994 campaign (unsuccessful) for Secretary of State. The election debt was settled for \$100,000 and ADM suspended legal action on July 8th...

CALPEEK'S NEW JOBS AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A sad note: U.S. Rep. George Brown Jr. (D-San Bernardino) died July 15th as a result of a post-operative infection from earlier heart valve replacement surgery. He was 79. R.I.P...

● Another sad note: Steve Tamaya, 37, former journalist and aide to State Sen. Richard Mountjoy, died July 3 in Pomona after a stroke. R.I.P...

● Calpeek notes the tragic death of George magazine publisher John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and sister-in-law. R.I.P...

● New baby: born to GOP consultant Matt Cunningham and his wife Laura: July 26th Sabrina Grace Cunningham, 7 lbs., 2 oz...

● Former L.A. Dep. Mayor Michael Keeley has been confirmed to serve on the City's Homeless Services Authority...

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